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SUBJECT: BERLIN DEMONSTRATIONS MORE VIOLENT THAN EXPECTED: SOME
STONES THROWN AT AMERIKA HAUS

1. LARGE-SCALE LEFTIST "TUNIX" (DO NOTHING) ACTIVITIES IN
BERLIN OVER THE PAST WEEKEND ATTRACTED AS MANY AS 6,000
PARTICIPANTS AND RESULTED IN 30 INJURED POLICIEMEN (NONE
SERIOUSLY), ONE FLAG BURNING (FRG), AND A NUMBER OF BROKEN
SHOP WINDOWS AND DAMAGED AUTOMOBILES. A SMALL BREAKAWAY
GROUP DEPARTED FROM THE PLANNED ROUTE AND THREW STONES AT
AMERIKA HAUS WINDOWS SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT ON JANUARY 30.
THANKS TO PLEXIGLASS PANES, THERE WAS NO BREAKAGE.

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2. THE SIZE OF PARTICIPATION AND THE VIOLENCE TOOK BOTH
THE POLICE AND THE ORGANIZERS SOMEWHAT BY SURPRISE. THE
TUNIX MOVEMENT IS COMPOSED MAINLY OF SO-CALLED UNDOGMATIC
LEFTIST GROUPS WHICH, WHILE OPPOSED TO THE PRESENT
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SYSTEM IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC,
HAVE NOT SO FAR OFFERED SPECIFIC GOALS. IT WAS WIDELY
ASSUMED BEFOREHAND THAT THE WEEKEND ACTIVITIES WERE

INTENDED BY THE ORGANIZERS TO DRAW THE VARIOUS GROUPS
TOGETHER AND TO REPRESENT AN ATTEMPT TO RENEW THE LARGE-
SCALE DEMONSTRATION TACTICS OF THE LATE 1960'S. FORMER
STUDENT LEADERS SUCH AS COHN-BENDIT REPORTEDLY CAME TO
BERLIN, AS DID ANOTHER 3-4,000 PERSONS FROM THE FEDERAL
REPUBLIC FOR THE OCCASION. POLICE REASON THAT THE ORGAN-
IZERS WILL NOW NEED TO ASSESS THE RESULTS OF THE BERLIN
TUNIX TO DECIDE WHETHER TO ENCOURAGE SIMILAR DEMONSTRATIONS
IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC. GEORGE

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